President’s Message

Welcome everyone to the stunning month of September!

The September 1st SAW general meeting will have another interesting speaker: Mr. Merlyn Russell – Guitar Maker! He learned woodworking in the Army and progressed to being a luthier while taking courses in cabinet making in college. Merlyn designs and builds custom electric guitars and basses as a hobby while trying start his own guitar shop. He hand-draws the entire design before starting the build. From initial drawing to putting down the last coat of lacquer takes about two months. The guitar at right is one of his early creations. He aims at unorthodox designs and for playability, even though he can’t play!

SAW general officer elections for club Vice President, Treasurer, Program Chairman, and Editor will be held in October 2015! This is your chance to speak up and be heard! Service in the club only requires a few hours each month, and it’s a fun way to get to meet people and promote local wood-

Welcome New Members

Ruby Bailey
Michael Dominique
Bruce Hall

Bring a friend! Guests are always welcome.

Greetings, my name is Rich Shiraishi. I was born in Stockton but raised in South San Francisco. After high school, I enlisted in the Army National Guard, working as a military police officer. I moved to Sacramento in 1979 after I joined the Sacramento Police Department, where I worked for 28 years. I retired as a police captain.

In retirement I decided to pursue a lifelong desire to build "things" with my hands. I attended community college for 18 months enrolling in construction, cabinet making, wood finishing, and welding. Currently, I am remodeling my entire home and a large shop built on my property. I joined SAW a few years ago so I could take advantage and learn from the wealth of experience our members possess. I truly enjoy the friends I have made at SAW and the good times I shared with them at various SAW functions.

Besides woodworking, I enjoy sailing in San Francisco Bay and on the Caribbean. I currently live in Elk Grove with my wife Sharon. I am very proud of all my children who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of the community. My son, Jeff, is a sergeant with the Sacramento Police Department and his wife, Wendy, is a registered nurse. My daughter, Annie, is a police officer with the city of Richmond and her husband, Joe, is a detective with the San Mateo Sheriffs Office.
The Sacramento Area Woodworkers, also known as SAW, is an 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is:

To provide the community an enriched educational and charitable experience through woodworking.

We also share woodworking experiences, information, instructions, plans, books, tools and lumber sources, and sharing in discounts resulting from volume buying.

2015 SAW BOARD
All listed are voting members of the Board. All Phone numbers are in 916 area code unless otherwise indicated.

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SAW Staff Members: Volunteer members who work hard to help make the club enjoyable and run smoothly.

Librarians       Bob Beckert, Norm Steinbach, Dick Lewis, Joe Trevino
Toy Chairperson  Steve Bockman
Small Raffle      Sally Green
Large Raffle      Judy Prichard
Badges           Clayton Nye
Refreshments     Neysa and Michael Bush
Web Master        Matthew Burlingame

LIBRARY
Books, videos, and magazines are available "FREE" to members for one month at a time when checked out of the Library at the back of the meeting room. Be sure to return the items at the next meeting.

The new books this month are:
"Turning Toys," by Richard Raffan
"DIY Wood Pallet Projects: 35 Rustic Modern Upcycling Ideas," by Karah Bunde
(Editor’s Note: This last book is perfect for the October “Repurposed Up-cycling” Contest!)

MEMBERSHIP
For all renewing members the dues for SAW are $30 per calendar year (no prorated renewal). Any and all dependent family members, residing in the same address of a fully paid member, can join for an additional 50% of annual dues. As a SAW member, you will enjoy the camaraderie of fellow woodworkers, discounts from local merchants, group buys on wood, and library privileges.

New Members will be prorated for the year:

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No refunds will be given on membership dues.

The club is always looking for new members. Recommend us to all your woodworking friends!

Commercial Membership
Commercial memberships are available for $50 per year. This membership includes yearly advertising in the newsletter. Ads are to be business card size and may be changed from month to month, if desired. Contact Treasurer Tom Harrington for more membership information.

Newsletter Items
Contributions to the newsletter must be sent to the Editor by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following month’s newsletter. Send to Andy Volk at newsletter@sacramentoareawoodworkers.com

If SAW had a position for official photographer, the position would be assigned to Steven Hitchens. Stephen takes most, if not all, of the photos appearing in the newsletter. If you like the pictures, be sure to give Stephen your thanks!
working. Ask me or any other SAW club officers (with a blue badge) if you would like to serve as a SAW officer next year!

A new exciting club raffle for September! We are asking club members to donate an item you made to support the SAW toy making program! Bring your item to be anonymously raffled at the next general meeting. Raffle ticket buyers will deposit a ticket for the item(s) they would like to win. The drawing will be from the raffle tickets deposited for each item. Buy your tickets! (Even buy your own item back!) All funds will be used for the toy workshop program.

The October contest is Entitled “Repurposed Up-cycling.” This is a new contest based on taking something with one purpose and turning it into something new (i.e: repurposed or recycled)! For example, a dresser you may have simply repaired or refinished is not eligible. But, take that dresser and modify it as a kitchen cabinet or bathroom vanity with a sink, and it would be eligible. Making things out of other wood products like pallets is another example. (Possible ideas can be “googled” under the term “up-cycling.”) Use your imagination, check around your home and shop, and see what’s possible! Remember, we award prizes (and lots of praise and recognition too) based on SAW member votes!

The next SAW Toy Workshop will be the third Wednesday on September 16th! Hands-on fun will be held at the Woodcraft store, 9523 Folsom Blvd., in Sacramento from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to make toys. Tools, equipment, and materials will be provided. On that day all SAW club member will receive a special 10% extra discount on most Woodcraft store items. Come out, help make toys, and have some fun and with other club members! We have only three more Toy Workshops this year!

With the Christmas season just around the corner, get any personal workshop toys ready! SAW has been a major toy source for numerous needy local children. Let’s make sure there are toys for every child. Thank you, SAW Toy Chairperson, Steve Bockman, for heading up our club’s toy efforts!

If you attended the August general meeting, you would have seen some really wonderful club support! Member Holly Lovvo made the most delicious banana bread to share with us! We also had our usual team of librarians, raffle people, and everyone else in who helps put together a great gathering. Thank you all! It means a lot to have your help and support!

Fall SAW Shop Tour! The tour is scheduled for Sunday October 11th 2015 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We are currently seeking three or four club members to open their shop in the north/west Sacramento region. If you can spare about an hour and half on that day, it would be an opportunity for club members to learn how you operate your woodworking space. We hope to show a variety of shops from small to fancy. The goal is see that woodworking is possible in any workplace! To show your shop, contact, Jim Cauley for more information.

Bring in a new SAW club member and receive a FREE SAW large raffle ticket, or three small raffle tickets per new membership! Invite your friends, family, and even your neighbors and/or coworkers to become part of SAW! We welcome anyone of any age with a willingness to enjoy woodworking, have fun, and meet great people.

That concludes this month’s president’s report! As always, I wish you the very best of everything this September! Keep your tools clean and sharp, your woodshop safe and organized, and enjoy some fun! I hope to see you soon at the September SAW club meeting and other club events soon!
SIG Information

A “SIG” (Special Interest Group) is a gathering of woodworkers at a member’s workshop to discuss and do projects related to the Group’s interest. Any SAW member or guest of a SAW member may just show up at the meeting. Times and locations for each SIG is given in the Calendar on page 3.

Scroll Saw SIG  Contact person: Holly Lovvo

We had a good time at this last SIG as we had over 8 people show up to cut and shape Gold Fish Intarsia with Daniel. Labor Day is on the same weekend as the SIG, so there will not be a Scroll Saw meeting in September. We will continue with the Gold Fish Intarsia at the October SIG. We will also have puzzles to cut out.

If you would like to hold a SIG at your shop, or would like to make a certain project please let me know. I will supply the machines and maybe some supplies. Happy Labor Day Holiday

Project SIG  Contact persons: Sally Green

Thanks to everyone who helped so much making the memory boxes at the last two workshops. We ended up with 20 boxes that will be given to the local hospitals. For that we should each be proud. A very special thanks to Jack Stellman for providing his shop and his help for all of it. At this point, we are putting the Project SIG on hiatus, probably for the remainder of 2015.

Furniture Projects SIG  Contact person: Christy Wallace

The September SIG will be a Paul Verlinde’s shop and will feature a demonstration by Matt Graham, the manager of the Rockler store in Concord. He will show us how to make wooden shutters for windows using the Rockler equipment. He will be accompanied by Rusty, the manager of the Rocklin Rockler store opening mid October.

During the demonstration Matt will explain the components of the jig, explaining the three different sizes and pointing out the different materials that can be used to make your shutters at home. The projects starts with proper measurements of the window. Matt will bring handouts to show what is needed. Then he will show how the jig works to drill the aligning holes on the frame and on the precut and milled slats. He will also explain the two different type of moveable arm fixtures for non-fixed shutters. Matt will finish by showing assembly of the shutters and adjustments to fix racking.

Sharpening SIG  Contact person: David Wilson

No information at the time of publication.

Lathe Turning SIG  Contact person: Ed Gieszelmann

The August SIG was very interesting with Ed showing us how to turn a sphere with some jam chucks and just a bit of geometry. He also turned a Femisphere which he will bring to the general meeting. The next Lathe SIG will be held from 2-5pm on September 27th at my shop. The topic will be turning bracelets, both solid and laminated. This should be a very fun SIG!

Tip Corner:

If you have an interesting tip or “trick-of-the-trade” to share with the membership, contact Andy Volk. Published tips will earn a small raffle ticket.

From Sally Green: Judy and I "discovered" Durham's Water Putty (It is available at most hardware stores). It is used like wood putty but is a powder that you mix with water. It is easy to mix and use and works very well. Mixing when you need it avoids the problem of drying out that wood putty usually has. We recommend you give it a try.

Editor’s Note: I have used this in several projects and found that it works better than other putties in that you can use it at any thickness. I have not evaluated it for suitability for staining and used it only for “paint-grade” projects. Joe Orbeck also recently started using it and found it works well for his model building.

Classified Ads

SAW members have been coming up with many great ideas, such as how to network with other members outside of SIGs, or creating ways to borrow set-up tools. Might we suggest using the classified ad section?

Ads can be run for more than one month. Just contact us each month and let us know the ad is still valid. Remember, you must be a member to take advantage of our free ad space!
The July Lathe SIG (above) was on turning salt and pepper grinders at Ed Gieszelmann’s shop. Ed started out showing us the various grinder mechanisms available and the implications for the design of the turning. Then he laid out a design on a blank he had prepared and turned a sample. His plan was to get a design he liked and then use his lathe duplicator to make four sets of grinders as gifts. (He had them roughed out at the August SIG.)

The August Lathe SIG was especially fascinating as host Ed Gieszelmann made spheres and “femispheres.” Ed demonstrated how to get a good start on the sphere by turning a blank with an octagonal cross-section and then refine the center into a good sphere. Jam chucks are used to hold the cut off center while it is rotated to cut the remainder of the shape.

The more interesting and more difficult to explain is the femisphere. Here, good measurements and excellent symmetry are required to produce the odd shape at the far right. Ed will be bring it to the next general meeting.

Hey! Where are the Raffle Prizes?

You might be wondering where the photos and descriptions of this month’s raffle prizes are. Well, they will be a surprise! This month the prizes are member-made and the proceeds will go to support the toy drive. See the President’s Message for more information.
SAW member, Richard Fuller gave a fascinating talk on wood and wood identification. Like his father, member Herbert Fuller, Richard is a member of the International Wood Collectors Society. Richard brought back his collection (upper right photo) of domestic and exotic woods, while his father’s collection is all in tool handles (lower right).

Besides bringing the wood collections, Richard brought a wealth of information on wood (see books at lower left) and recommended some websites he uses, especially http://www.wood-database.com/. His presentation will be posted at the SAW website.

August Contest: Get It Moving!

First Place: Joe Orbeck
with a mini marble machine that took a day to cut out and 3 weeks to get the gears working.

Second Place: Andy Volk
with a marble machine modeled on a hand water pump with segmented bowl and pin array.

Third Place: David McAfee
with a version of the toy (wooden) marble game / rattle he designed for the toy workshop.

Members at the August Scroll Saw SIG had a good time with over 8 people showing up to cut and shape Gold Fish Intarsia with Daniel Wagner (red shirt, above left). Mark Mason (red cap) brought his fish for Show-n-Tell, next page
The August Projects SIG was held at Jack Stellman’s shop. The memory boxes started in July were completed at this SIG. Over 20 boxes were completed or handed to others to finish. All the contributors should be proud for their accomplishment. A very special thanks to Jack Stellman for providing his shop and his help.

The photo at right shows the 14 memory boxes that Sally, Judy, and Jerry took home from the SIG to finish. These were delivered to Kaiser Roseville. Tom has 8 more from the SIG and 6 that Ralph Desmond made. That makes a total of 28 completed in July and August.

The instructions for making memory boxes are on the SAW website under the “Projects” tab.
Toy Time

I thought I made a wrong turn, and I was at the North Pole at Santa’s workshop from all the sawdust flying and elves turning out toys. But no, I was at the Sacramento Woodcraft.

We made parts for a front-end loaders, made love bugs and old-time cars. They will be turned into kits (with assembly directions) for the September meeting. The kits need just a little TLC and could be finished in less than an hour. You can take home more than one kit. Come to the meeting early and get all the kits you want. Also, good progress was made on the “fish” for the fishing game.

If you are making blocks for the wagons we will need them by the October meeting.

Special thank to Carman Mitchell and her granddaughter Corina for their work on painting and decorating the doll beds.

The September workshop will be building truck, and maybe tractor trailers. Remember you are always welcome to come to workshop. We would like to see you and your ideas there.

Steve Bockman
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